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**PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

The applicants in the above-identified patent application hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for a **three** month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR §1.136 to respond to the Office Action therein dated November 13, 2003. The applicants/assignee

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Respectfully submitted,

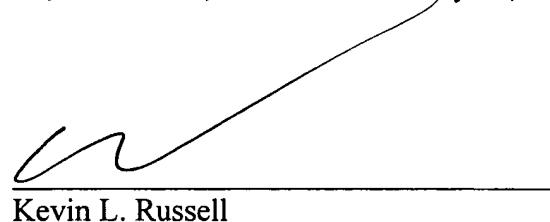


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